

1.0 GENERAL**A. Description**

The work in this special provision governs the construction of Drilled Piers, also known as "Drilled Shafts" and "Caissons". Drilled piers are a reinforced concrete section, cast-in-place against in situ material or permanent steel casing. Drilled piers are a straight shaft type and vertical. Construct drilled piers in accordance with the details and dimensions shown on the plans and this special provision.

B. Work Experience

The Contractor/Subcontractor and the Contractor's/Subcontractor's superintendent performing the work described in this special provision must have installed drilled piers of both diameter and length similar to those shown on the plans and have a minimum of five years experience with drilled pier excavation and both dry and wet concrete placement. This work should be performed under the supervision of the Contractor's/Subcontractor's superintendent, who is knowledgeable and experienced in the construction of drilled piers using casing and/or slurry. The Contractor/Subcontractor should use equipment that is sufficient to complete the work in accordance with this special provision.

To verify the Contractor's/Subcontractor's ability to meet these requirements, submit a list containing a description of at least two projects completed in the last five years on which those responsible for the drilled pier construction have installed drilled piers of similar size shown on the plans and with similar construction methods anticipated for this project. Include the names and phone numbers of the project owner's representatives who can verify the Contractor/Subcontractor's participation and performance on the listed projects.

C. Construction Sequence Plan

Submit two copies of a drilled pier construction sequence plan for all the drilled piers for review and acceptance 30 days prior to beginning construction of the drilled piers. Provide detailed project specific information in this plan including:

1. Work experience in accordance with Section 1.0, Item B.
2. List and size of equipment including: cranes, kelly bars, drill rigs, vibratory hammers, augers, core barrels, cleanout buckets, airlifts and/or submersible pumps, tremies and/or concrete pumps, casing (diameters, thicknesses and lengths), desanding equipment (for slurry construction), etc.
3. Details of order of drilled pier construction.
4. Details of pier excavation methods.

5. Details of methods to clean the pier excavation bottom.
6. Details of reinforcement placement including support and method to center in the excavation.
7. Details of concrete placement including how the tremie or pump will be controlled during concrete placement and what type of discharge control will be used to prevent concrete contamination when the tremie or pump is initially placed in the excavation.
8. Details of casing installation and temporary casing removal including order of telescoped casing removal.
9. Required submittals for concrete mix designs.
10. Details of the slurry to be used (if applicable), including: product information, manufacturers mixing instructions, slurry equipment information and how the Contractor proposes to use the slurry. Also, submit a written approval from the slurry supplier that the water to be used is acceptable.
11. Details on the handling of drilling spoils and slurry overflow including environmental control procedures to be used to prevent the loss of concrete, slurry and spoils.
12. Details of how the slurry level will be maintained above the highest piezometric head (if applicable).
13. Other information shown on the plans or requested by the Engineer.

The Engineer reviews the drilled pier construction sequence plan for conformance with the plans, specifications and this special provision. Within 15 days of receiving the plan, the Engineer notifies the Contractor of any additional information required and/or changes necessary to satisfy the plans, specifications and this special provision. Submit changes for re-evaluation of any unsatisfactory part of the construction sequence plan that is rejected. The Engineer will respond to the Contractor within 7 days after receiving the proposed changes.

If any changes in the procedure are made during the construction of the drilled piers, inform the Engineer in writing and await approval of the proposed modifications prior to the construction of the remaining drilled piers.

D. Preconstruction Meeting

Conduct a drilled pier preconstruction meeting with the Drilling Superintendent, the Resident or Bridge Maintenance Engineer and/or his or her representatives, the Bridge Construction Engineer and the Geotechnical Operations Engineer to discuss construction and inspection of the drilled piers. This meeting should occur after the

Drilled Pier Contractor/Subcontractor has mobilized to the site and the construction sequence plan has been approved.

E. Definition of Rock

For the purposes of this special provision, “Rock” is defined as a continuous intact natural material in which the penetration rate with a rock auger is less than 2 inches (50 mm) per 5 minutes of drilling at full crowd force. This definition excludes discontinuous loose natural materials such as boulders and man-made materials such as concrete, steel, timber, etc. This definition of rock is not for pay purposes; see Section 8.0 for method of measurement of “Drilled Piers Not in Soil”.

F. Rock Socket

When required by a note on plans, provide a minimum penetration into rock as directed by the Engineer.

2.0 EXCAVATION

Perform the excavations required for the drilled piers to the dimensions and elevations shown on the plans or otherwise required by the Engineer, including any miscellaneous grading or excavation to install the pier.

Excavate with a drill rig of adequate capacity. Use a rig that is capable of drilling through soil and non-soil including rock, boulders, timbers, man-made objects and any other materials encountered. Blasting is not permitted to advance the excavation. Blasting for core removal is only permitted when approved by the Engineer.

Use a drill rig capable of drilling a minimum of 25% deeper than the deepest drilled pier shown on the plans. Use drilling tools equipped with vents designed to stabilize the hydrostatic pressure above and below the tool during extraction from the excavation. For drilled piers constructed with slurry, monitor the rate at which the drilling tools are inserted and extracted so as to minimize sidewall suction action in the excavation. Drilling below the tip elevations shown on the plans may be required to achieve adequate bearing.

A drilling log including information such as top and bottom elevation of each stratum encountered, drilling tools used, drilling time in each stratum and material descriptions of each soil and rock layer must be signed by the Contractor upon completion of each pier.

Dispose of drilling spoils in accordance with Section 802 of the Standard Specifications and as directed by the Engineer. Drilling spoils consist of all excavated material including water removed from the excavation either by pumping or drilling tools. Construct drilled piers at the locations shown on the plans and within the tolerances specified herein. If tolerances are exceeded, the Engineer may require corrective measures to meet the tolerances specified. Construct the drilled piers such that the axis at the top of the piers is no more than 3 inches (75 mm) in any direction from the position shown in the plans. Build drilled piers within 2% of the plumb deviation for the total length of the piers. Verify the plumbness of the drilled pier excavations by an accurate procedure, such as an

inclinometer on the kelly bar or other approved techniques. Unless a plan note requires the construction joint to be moved below the ground line, construct the finished top of pier elevation between 1 inch (25 mm) above and 3 inches (75 mm) below the top of pier elevation shown on the plans.

When drilling from a barge, use a fixed template that maintains pier position and alignment during all excavation and concrete placement operations. Floating templates (attached to a barge) are not allowed unless approved by the Engineer.

Stabilize all drilled pier excavations with steel casing and/or slurry except, as approved by the Engineer, the portions of the excavations in rock as defined by Section 1.0, Item E. Stabilize excavations at all times from the beginning of drilling through concrete placement. When using multiple casings in a telescoped arrangement, overlap subsequent casings a minimum of 2 feet (600 mm). Provide casing or slurry in rock if unstable material is anticipated or encountered during drilling. When slurry is used, a partially excavated pier is subject to the time requirements in Section 2.0, Item C, Number 1. When slurry is not used, do not leave a drilled pier excavation open overnight unless it is cased to rock.

If a note on plans does not prohibit dewatering and the tip of the drilled pier excavation is in rock as defined by Section 1.0, Item E, dewater the excavation to the satisfaction of the Engineer. The minimum diameter of a drilled pier excavation in rock or an excavation constructed with slurry may be 2 inches (50 mm) less than the design drilled pier diameter shown on the plans.

In order to remove a casing and substitute a larger diameter or longer casing through unstable or caving material, either backfill the excavation, stabilize the excavation with slurry before removing the casing to be replaced or insert the larger casing around the casing to be replaced before removal.

A. Permanent Steel Casing

Use permanent steel casings as directed by the Engineer and/or as required by a note on plans. Use permanent casings that are clean smooth non-corrugated watertight steel of ample strength to withstand handling and driving stresses and the pressures imposed by concrete, earth or backfill. Provide permanent steel casings conforming to ASTM A252, Grade 2 and the following minimum wall thickness requirements.

CASING WALL THICKNESS

Casing Diameter	Minimum Wall Thickness
Less than or equal to 48 inches (1220 mm)	3/8 inch (9 mm)
Greater than 48 inches (1220 mm) and less than or equal to 78 inches (1982 mm)	1/2 inch (12 mm)
Greater than 78 inches (1982 mm)	5/8 inch (16 mm)

Provide permanent casings with an outside diameter not less than the specified size of the drilled pier. If approved by the Engineer, a permanent casing larger in diameter than the drilled pier design diameter is permitted. However, no payment will be made for any costs associated with larger permanent casings. Extend the permanent casings from the top of pier elevation or top of permanent casing elevation, if shown on the plans, to a depth no deeper than the permanent casing tip elevation shown on the plans or the revised permanent casing tip elevation approved by the Engineer. Do not extend permanent casings below the permanent casing tip elevation shown on the plans without prior approval from the Engineer. Additional drilled pier length and reinforcement may be required if permanent casings are extended below the permanent casing tip elevation shown on the plans. No payment will be made for the resulting additional drilled pier length, reinforcement and permanent casing unless the Engineer approves the revised permanent casing tip elevation. Install permanent casings in one continuous unit. If splices are necessary for the casing, use an approved method of splicing. Splices are considered incidental and no additional compensation will be made.

Remove any portion of the permanent steel casing that extends above the top of the drilled pier after the Drilled Pier Concrete has achieved a compressive strength of 4500 psi (31.0 MPa). The cost of casing removal will be considered incidental to the cost of the permanent steel casing.

B. Temporary Steel Casing

Provide temporary steel casing to stabilize drilled pier excavations, protect personnel and prevent caving or sloughing, that is clean smooth non-corrugated watertight steel of ample strength to withstand handling and driving stresses and the pressures imposed by concrete, earth or backfill. Use temporary steel casings with a minimum wall thickness of 3/8 inch (9 mm) and an outside diameter not less than the specified size of the drilled pier.

Temporary steel casings that become bound or fouled during construction and cannot be practically removed may constitute a defect in the drilled pier. Improve defective piers to the satisfaction of the Engineer by removing the concrete and extending the pier deeper, providing a replacement drilled pier or other acceptable means. Complete all corrective measures including any additional design work to the satisfaction of the Engineer without additional compensation or an extension of the completion date of the project.

C. Slurry

When slurry use is not noted on the plans, slurry construction is an option. If slurry use is required or an option, polymer slurry use may either be required or prohibited as noted on the plans. If slurry use is required or an option and polymer slurry use is not noted on the plans, polymer slurry use is an option.

If polymer slurry is required or an option, use one of the following polymers listed in the table below:

PRODUCT	MANUFACTURER
SlurryPro EXL	KB Technologies Ltd. 3648 FM 1960 West, Suite 107 Houston, TX 77068 (800) 525-5237
Super Mud	PDS Company 105 West Sharp Street El Dorado, AR 71730 (800) 243-7455
Shore Pac GCV	CETCO Drilling Products Group 1500 West Shure Drive Arlington Heights, IL 60004 (800) 527-9948

Use polymer slurry and associated additives in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines and recommendations unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. The Contractor should be aware that polymer slurry might not be appropriate for a given site. Polymer slurry should not be used for excavations in soft or loose soils as determined by the Engineer. When using polymer slurry, a representative of the manufacturer must be on-site to assist and guide the Contractor during the construction of the first three drilled piers unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. This representative must also be available for on-site assistance to the Contractor if problems are encountered during the construction of the remaining drilled piers as requested by the Engineer. The cost of all on-site assistance and representation will be considered incidental to the cost of the drilled piers.

If mineral slurry is required or an option, use mineral slurry composed of bentonite having a mineral grain size that remains in suspension and sufficient viscosity and gel characteristics to transport excavated material to a suitable screening system to minimize bottom sedimentation. Provide bentonite slurry to maintain the stability of the excavation and allow for proper concrete placement.

When slurry is used and permanent steel casing is not required, use temporary casing a minimum of 10 feet (3 m) long at the top of the excavation. Maintain the top of the temporary casing a minimum of 1 foot (300 mm) above the ground surface surrounding the casing.

Maintain the slurry in the pier excavation at a level not less than 5 feet (1.5 m) or the drilled pier diameter (whichever is greater) above the highest piezometric head along the depth of the pier. It is anticipated that the highest piezometric head is the static water or groundwater elevation (elevation head). However, the Contractor is responsible for determining the highest piezometric head. The use of steel casing to maintain the required slurry level is permitted; however, no payment will be made for

casing that is used for this purpose. If the slurry level in the excavation suddenly changes or cannot be practically maintained, or the slurry construction method does not produce the desired result, stop the pier construction until an alternate construction procedure is approved by the Engineer.

Thoroughly premix the slurry with water in tanks before introducing the slurry into the excavation. Submit written approval from the slurry supplier that the mixing water is acceptable. Allow bentonite slurry to hydrate 24 hours in tanks before use. Slurry tanks of adequate capacity are required for slurry circulation, storage and treatment. Excavated slurry pits are not allowed in lieu of slurry tanks without prior approval from the Engineer. Take all steps necessary to prevent the slurry from “setting up” in the excavation. Such methods include, but are not limited to agitation, circulation and/or adjusting the properties of the slurry. Perform desanding operations as necessary to achieve the acceptable sand contents prior to placement of the reinforcing steel.

1. Time

Adjust the excavation operations so that the maximum time the slurry is in contact with the sidewalls of the uncased portions of the drilled pier excavation (from time of drilling to concrete placement) does not exceed 36 hours. Do not work on more than two drilled piers per drill rig below the steel casing at any time.

Agitate bentonite slurry in the drilled pier excavations a minimum of every 4 hours. If the bentonite slurry is not agitated a minimum of every 4 hours or the 36 hour time limit is exceeded, the Engineer may require the Contractor to overream the drilled pier excavation beneath the steel casing a minimum of 1 inch (25 mm) and a maximum of 3 inches (75 mm) before performing any other operations in the excavation. Overream with a grooving tool, overreaming bucket or other approved equipment at a minimum spacing of 12 inches (300 mm). All costs associated with both overreaming and the resulting additional concrete placement will be considered incidental to the cost of the drilled piers.

If concrete placement is not completed within three days of beginning drilling, enlarge the design drilled pier diameter by a minimum of 6 inches (150 mm), or as required by the Engineer, the entire length of the pier at no additional cost to the Department. Enlarging the drilled pier includes replacing the steel casing with steel casing the same size to which the drilled pier is enlarged at no additional cost to the Department.

2. Sampling

Collect all slurry samples using an approved sampling tool. Test slurry samples to determine density, viscosity, pH and sand content to establish an acceptable working pattern during slurry use. Test a minimum of four samples during each 8 hours of slurry use for each drilled pier. Take the first sample for the first 8 hours from the slurry tank prior to introduction into the pier excavation. Collect the remaining samples from the bottom of the drilled pier excavation. When the test

results are acceptable and consistent, a decrease in the testing frequency to one sample per 4 hours of slurry use is permitted.

Prior to placing the reinforcing steel in any drilled pier excavation, extract slurry samples from the bottom of each pier excavation and at intervals not exceeding 10 feet (3 m) up the pier, until two consecutive samples produce acceptable values for density, viscosity, pH and sand content.

3. Testing

Have qualified personnel, approved by the Engineer, conduct slurry tests to determine density, viscosity, pH and sand content. The following tables show the acceptable range of values for the slurry properties:

BENTONITE SLURRY Sodium Montmorillonite (Commercial Bentonite) Acceptable Range of Values			
Property (units)	At Time of Slurry Introduction	In Excavation Immediately Before Concrete Placement	Test Method
Density, pcf (kg/m ³)	64.3 – 69.1 (1030- 1107)	64.3 – 75.0 (1030- 1201)	Mud Weight (Density) API 13B-1 Section 1
Viscosity, sec./quart (sec./0.95 liters)	28 – 45	28 – 45	Marsh Funnel and Cup API 13B-1 Section 2.2
PH	8 – 11	8 – 11	pH paper
Sand Content (percent)	Less than or equal to 4	Less than or equal to 2	Sand API 13B-1 Section 5
Notes: 1. Perform tests when the slurry temperature is above 40°F (4.4°C). 2. When approved by the Engineer for use in saltwater, increase the density by 2 pcf (32 kg/m ³).			

SLURRYPRO EXL KB Technologies Ltd. Acceptable Range of Values			
Property (units)	At Time of Slurry Introduction	In Excavation Immediately Before Concrete Placement	Test Method
Density, pcf (kg/m ³)	Less than or equal to 67 (1073)	Less than or equal to 64 (1025)	Mud Weight (Density) API 13B-1 Section 1
Viscosity, sec./quart (sec./0.95 liters)	53 – 127	Less than or equal to 74	Marsh Funnel and Cup API 13B-1 Section 2.2
PH	8 – 11	8 – 11	pH paper
Sand Content (percent)	Less than or equal to 1	Less than or equal to 1	Sand API 13B-1 Section 5
Notes: 1. Perform tests when the slurry temperature is above 40°F (4.4°C). 2. When approved by the Engineer for use in saltwater, increase the density by 2 pcf (32 kg/m ³).			

<p style="text-align: center;">SUPER MUD PDS Company Acceptable Range of Values</p>			
Property (units)	At Time of Slurry Introduction	In Excavation Immediately Before Concrete Placement	Test Method
Density, pcf (kg/m ³)	Less than or equal to 64 (1025)	Less than or equal to 64 (1025)	Mud Weight (Density) API 13B-1 Section 1
Viscosity, sec./quart (sec./0.95 liters)	34 – 64	Less than or equal to 64	Marsh Funnel and Cup API 13B-1 Section 2.2
PH	8 – 10	8 – 10	pH paper
Sand Content (percent)	Less than or equal to 1	Less than or equal to 1	Sand API 13B-1 Section 5
<p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perform tests when the slurry temperature is above 40°F (4.4°C). 2. When approved by the Engineer for use in saltwater, increase the density by 2 pcf (32 kg/m³). 			

SHORE PAC GCV CETCO Drilling Products Group Acceptable Range of Values			
Property (units)	At Time of Slurry Introduction	In Excavation Immediately Before Concrete Placement	Test Method
Density, pcf (kg/m ³)	Less than or equal to 64 (1025)	Less than or equal to 64 (1025)	Mud Weight (Density) API 13B-1 Section 1
Viscosity, sec./quart (sec./0.95 liters)	35 – 78	Less than or equal to 60	Marsh Funnel and Cup API 13B-1 Section 2.2
PH	8 – 11	8 – 11	pH paper
Sand Content (percent)	Less than or equal to 1	Less than or equal to 1	Sand API 13B-1 Section 5
Notes:			
1. Perform tests when the slurry temperature is above 40°F (4.4°C).			
2. When approved by the Engineer for use in saltwater, increase the density by 2 pcf (32 kg/m ³).			

When any slurry samples are found to be unacceptable, take whatever action is necessary to bring the slurry within specification requirements. Do not place reinforcement steel until resampling and testing produce acceptable results.

Sign and submit reports of all slurry tests required above to the Engineer upon completion of each drilled pier. The Department reserves the right to perform comparison slurry tests at any time.

4. Slurry Disposal

Comply with all applicable local, state and federal regulations, as well as with the environmental permits of the project when disposing of excavated materials contaminated with slurry. Keep all excavated materials, spoils from the desanding unit and slurry out of the water and contain them at all times. The cost of the containment, removal and disposal of excavated materials contaminated with slurry, as well as the slurry itself, is incidental to the cost of the drilled piers.

3.0 CLEANING

Excavate the bottom of the drilled pier to a level plane or stepped with a maximum step height of 12 inches (300 mm). Regardless of construction methods used, clean the bottom of the excavation of loose material using a technique approved by the Engineer. When the drilled pier excavation is not hand cleaned, clean the bottom of the excavation with a cleanout bucket and an airlift or submersible pump.

4.0 INSPECTION METHODS AND REQUIREMENTS

After the drilled pier excavation is complete and immediately prior to placement of the reinforcing steel and concrete, demonstrate the proper condition of the drilled pier excavation to the Engineer for verification. Provide bosun chairs, gas meters, safety equipment, lights, mirrors, weighted tape measures, steel probes, personnel and all assistance required for the Engineer to inspect the drilled pier excavations.

A. Bearing Capacity

One or more of the following tests may be used to verify the conditions and continuity of the bearing material prior to placement of the reinforcing steel. If the required end bearing capacity is not satisfied, increase the drilled pier length as directed by the Engineer. Payment for the additional length of the drilled pier to achieve adequate bearing will be made per the drilled pier pay items.

1. Visual Inspection

The end bearing of the drilled pier excavation may be inspected either by entering the excavation or visually from the top of the excavation.

2. Test Hole

If the tip of the drilled pier excavation is in rock as defined by Section 1.0, Item E, drill a 1½ inch (38 mm) diameter test hole in each drilled pier to a depth at least 6 feet (1.83 m) below the tip elevation.

3. Standard Penetration Test (SPT)

When noted on the plans that a SPT is required, drive a split barrel sampler a minimum of 18 inches (450 mm) below the drilled pier tip elevation or to refusal in accordance with ASTM D1586. Complete the SPT using NW rods through casing or another stabilizing method as approved by the Engineer. Extend the SPT rods from the top of the drilled pier excavation to the drilled pier tip elevation. Firmly support the SPT casing at the top of the drilled pier excavation and rest it on the bottom of the excavation. Conduct the SPT a minimum of 12 inches (300 mm) away from the sidewalls of the excavation and be sure not to scrape the sidewalls of the excavation while inserting or withdrawing the SPT equipment. Have the SPT device on-site prior to reaching the drilled pier tip elevation. Report the number of blows needed to drive the split barrel sampler and a description of the recovered

soil sample to the Engineer. The Engineer determines the number of blows required for bearing.

B. Bottom Cleanliness

One or more of the following inspection procedures may be used to inspect the cleanliness of the pier excavation bottom prior to placement of the reinforcement steel and concrete.

The pier excavation bottom is considered clean if a minimum of 50% of the bottom area has less than ½ inch (13 mm) of sediment and no portion of the bottom area has more than 1½ inches (38 mm) of sediment as determined by the Engineer.

1. Visual Inspection

The cleanliness of the drilled pier excavation bottom may be observed either by entering the excavation or from the top of the excavation.

2. Steel Probe

If the excavation is not dewatered or if the Engineer requires it, lower a steel probe to the bottom of the drilled pier excavation to ensure that cleaning has been satisfactorily completed. Supply a steel probe that is 2 feet (0.6 m) long with a flat tip on the sounding end, weighs approximately 9 pounds (#10 rebar) (4 kg, #32 rebar) and is suspended from the opposite end with a non-stretch cable.

3. Shaft Inspection Device (SID)

The Department may use the SID to take sediment measurements and observe the bottom conditions of the drilled pier excavation at a minimum of five locations selected by the Engineer. The SID is a remotely operated camera capable of observing bottom conditions and measuring sediment underwater and slurry. Each SID inspection (including all 5 locations) takes approximately 1 hour after the equipment has been set up. The Engineer provides the SID and the personnel to operate the device. Notify the Engineer a minimum of 2 days prior to beginning the drilled pier excavation so the Engineer can arrange for the transportation of the SID to the site and the personnel to perform the inspections. SID inspections are required until the cleanliness of the drilled pier excavation bottom is acceptable in accordance with Section 4.0, Item B of this special provision. Do not conduct operations that interfere with the SID inspections as directed by the Engineer. Remove all cleaning and drilling equipment from the drilled pier excavation during any SID inspection. Provide a working area large enough for the SID equipment, within the reach of the cabling supplied, and within clear sight distance of the drilled pier excavation, as directed by the Engineer. Assist the Engineer in the transportation and handling of the SID and all the associated equipment and in supporting the electric hoist and/or hoisting tripod for the SID, as directed by the Engineer. If required, provide a safe and secure location to park the trailer for the SID while it is unattended on the project site. If any of the SID equipment is

damaged due to the Contractor's negligence, then replace the equipment at no additional cost to the Department. Provide replacement equipment that exactly matches the damaged equipment as directed by the Engineer. All costs involved with the initial SID inspection of each drilled pier excavation will be made per the SID pay item. No additional payment will be made for subsequent or repeated SID inspections of the same drilled pier excavation. No claims for either lost time or actual expense of any SID inspections that do not find the cleanliness of the drilled pier excavation bottom in compliance with this special provision will be paid.

5.0 REINFORCING STEEL

Completely assemble a cage of reinforcing steel, consisting of longitudinal and spiral bars and place it in the drilled pier excavation as a unit immediately after the proper condition of the excavation is demonstrated to the Engineer. When concrete placement does not follow immediately after cage placement, remove the steel from the pier excavation unless the Engineer directs otherwise. If the cage is removed, recheck pier excavation cleanliness in accordance with this special provision prior to reinstallation of the cage.

If the drilled pier excavation is cased down to rock, immediate placement of the reinforcing steel and the concrete is not required. If electing to delay placement of the reinforcing steel and concrete due to the presence of rock, recheck the excavation for proper cleanliness immediately prior to placement of the reinforcing steel.

A. Construction, Placement, Support and Alignment

If it is determined in the field that the drilled pier must be longer, adequate reinforcement may be required in the extended length as directed by the Engineer. Lift the cage so racking and cage distortion does not occur. Keep the cage plumb during concrete operations and casing extraction. Check the position of the cage before and after placing the concrete. Position the splice length of the drilled pier cage so that the column or footing has the minimum concrete cover shown on the plans.

Securely cross-tie the vertical and spiral reinforcement at each intersection with double wire. Support or hold down the cage so that the vertical displacement during concrete placement and casing extraction does not exceed 6 inches (150 mm).

B. Bolsters and Spacers

Set the rebar cage directly on the bottom of the drilled pier excavation with plastic bolsters under each vertical reinforcing bar. Ensure that spacers are tall enough to raise the rebar cage off the bottom of the drilled pier excavation a minimum of 3 inches (75 mm). If approved by the Engineer, the rebar cage may be hung in the excavation provided the mechanisms supporting the cage are left in place until the Drilled Pier Concrete strength has achieved 3000 psi (20.7 MPa).

In order to ensure the minimum required concrete cover and achieve concentric spacing of the cage within the pier, attach plastic spacer wheels at five points around the cage perimeter. Use spacer wheels that provide a minimum of 4 inches (100 mm)

"blocking" from the outside face of the spiral bars to the outermost surface of the drilled pier except in rock as defined by Section 1.0, Item E and when using slurry construction. Use spacer wheels for slurry construction or in rock that provide a minimum of 2 inches (50 mm) "blocking". Tie spacer wheels that snap together with wire and allow them to rotate. Use spacer wheels that span at least two adjacent vertical bars. Start placing spacer wheels at the bottom of the cage and continue up along its length at maximum 10 foot (3 m) intervals.

6.0 CONCRETE

Begin concrete placement immediately after inserting reinforcing steel into the drilled pier excavation. Prior to placing concrete, assure the Engineer that sufficient quantities of concrete are available and that sufficient transportation is committed to the project to deliver the concrete within the time frame set forth within this special provision.

A. Concrete Mix

Provide the mix design for Drilled Pier Concrete for approval and, except as modified herein, meeting the requirements of Section 1000 of the Standard Specifications.

Designate the concrete as Drilled Pier Concrete with a minimum compressive strength of 4500 psi (31.0 MPa) at 28 days. Use a mix that complies with one of the following:

- Type I or II cement with a minimum cement content of 640 lbs/yd³ (380 kg/m³) and a maximum cement content of 800 lbs/yd³ (475 kg/m³).
- Type IP blended cement with a minimum cement content of 665 lbs/yd³ (395 kg/m³) and a maximum cement content of 833 lbs/yd³ (494 kg/m³).

Limit the water cement ratio based on total cementitious materials to a maximum of 0.45. Air-entrainment is not required. Air content should be less than 7.5%.

Produce a workable mix so that vibrating or prodding is not required to consolidate the concrete. When placing concrete, the slump must be 5 to 7 inches (125 to 175 mm) for dry placement and 7 to 9 inches (175 to 225 mm) for wet placement.

Use No. 78M coarse aggregate in the mix. Use an approved water-reducer, water-reducing retarder, high-range water-reducer or high-range water-reducing retarder to facilitate placement of the concrete if necessary. Do not use a stabilizing admixture as a retarder in Drilled Pier Concrete without approval of the Engineer. Use admixtures that satisfy AASHTO M194 and add them at the concrete plant when the mixing water is introduced into the concrete. Redosing of admixtures is not permitted. Ensure that the concrete temperature at the time of placement is 90°F (32°C) or less.

B. Concrete Placement

Place concrete such that the drilled pier is a monolithic structure. Vibration is only permitted, if needed, in the top 10 feet (3 m) of the drilled pier or as directed by the Engineer. Remove any contaminated concrete from the top of the drilled pier at the

time of concrete placement. Contain and remove all wasted concrete that spills over the casing.

Do not twist, move or otherwise disturb temporary casings until the concrete depth in the casing is in excess of 10 feet (3 m) above the bottom of the casing being disturbed. If the head is greater than 30 feet (9 m), the Engineer may require a concrete depth greater than 10 feet (3 m). The head is defined as the difference between the highest piezometric head along the depth of the pier and the static water elevation inside the excavation. If the Engineer requires a concrete depth greater than 10 feet (3 m), the Contractor may choose to either place concrete with this required concrete depth or place concrete with the wet method and a minimum concrete depth of 10 feet (3 m).

Maintain the required concrete depth above the bottom of the innermost casing during casing removal, except when the concrete level is at or above the top of drilled pier elevation. Sustain a sufficient concrete depth above the bottom of casing to overcome outside soil and water pressure. As the casing is withdrawn, exercise care in maintaining an adequate concrete depth within the casing so that fluid trapped behind the casing is displaced upward and discharged at the ground surface without contaminating or displacing the Drilled Pier Concrete. Exerting downward pressure, hammering and/or vibrating the temporary casing is permitted to facilitate removal.

Use the water inflow rate to determine the concrete placement procedure after any pumps have been removed from the excavation. If the inflow rate is less than 6 inches (150 mm) per half hour, the concrete placement is considered dry. If the water inflow rate is greater than 6 inches (150 mm) per half hour, the concrete placement is considered wet.

Keep a record of the volume of concrete placed in each drilled pier excavation and make it available to the Engineer. For drilled piers constructed with slurry or as directed by the Engineer, record a graphical plot of the depth versus theoretical concrete volume and actual measured concrete volume for each drilled pier and provide it to the Engineer when finished placing concrete.

1. Dry Placement

Before concrete placement, make certain the drilled pier excavation is dry so the flow of concrete around the reinforcing steel can be verified by visual inspection. If the concrete free fall does not exceed 60 feet (18.3 m), placing the concrete by a central drop method where the concrete is chuted directly down the center of the excavation is permitted.

For drilled piers exceeding 60 feet (18.3 m) in length, use a tremie or a pump to place concrete unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. Support the tremie or pump pipe so that the concrete free fall is less than 60 feet (18.3 m) at all times.

2. Wet Placement

Maintain a static water or slurry level in the excavation prior to placing concrete underwater. When temporary casing is used as the method to stabilize the excavation, place concrete with a sectional tremie or pump (no continuous tremie).

Once the concrete in the excavation reaches the same elevation as the static water level, placing concrete with the dry method is permitted. Before changing to the dry method of concrete placement, remove the water above the concrete and clean the concrete surface of all scum and sediment to expose clean, uncontaminated concrete.

3. Tremie and Pump

Place concrete with a tremie and/or a pump in accordance with the applicable parts of Sections 420-6 and 420-8 of the Standard Specifications that concern tremie and/or concrete pumping operations. Use a tremie a minimum of 10 inches (254 mm) in diameter unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. Use a tremie tube or pump pipe made of steel with watertight joints. Use a discharge control to prevent concrete contamination when the tremie tube or pump pipe is initially placed in the excavation. Extend the tremie tube or pump pipe into the concrete a minimum of 5 feet (1.5 m) at all times except when the concrete is initially introduced into the pier excavation. If the tremie tube or pump pipe pulls out of the concrete for any reason after the initial concrete is placed, restart concrete placement with a steel capped tremie tube or pump pipe.

4. Placement Time

Place concrete within the time frames specified in Table 1000-2 of the Standard Specifications for Class AA concrete and this special provision. Do not place concrete so fast as to trap air, slurry, water, fluids, soil or any other deleterious materials in the vicinity of the reinforcing steel and the annular zone between the rebar cage and the excavation walls.

7.0 SCHEDULING AND RESTRICTIONS

After the first drilled pier is successfully completed, do not make any significant changes in construction methods, equipment or materials, unless approved by the Engineer.

If caving or sloughing occurs, compensation will not be provided for additional concrete to fill the resulting voids.

For the first 16 hours after a drilled pier has achieved its initial concrete set (as determined by the Engineer), do not drill adjacent piers, do not install adjacent piles, and do not allow any equipment wheel loads or "excessive" vibrations within 20 feet (6 m) of the drilled pier.

In the event that the procedures described herein are performed unsatisfactorily, the Engineer reserves the right to shut down the construction operations. If the integrity of the drilled pier is in question, the Engineer reserves the right to reject the drilled piers and

require remediation. Remedial measures are proposed by the Contractor and require approval of the Engineer. No compensation will be paid for losses or damage due to remedial work or any investigation of drilled piers found defective or not in accordance with this special provision or the plans.

8.0 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

A. Method of Measurement

1. Drilled Piers in Soil

The quantity of “Drilled Piers in Soil” to be paid for will be the linear feet (meters) of the drilled piers exclusive of the linear feet (meters) of “Drilled Piers Not in Soil” computed from elevations and dimensions as shown on the plans or from revised dimensions authorized by the Engineer. Drilled piers through air or water will be paid for as “Drilled Piers in Soil”.

2. Drilled Piers Not in Soil

The quantity of “Drilled Piers Not in Soil” to be paid for will be the linear feet (meters) of drilled piers excavated in non-soil as determined by the Engineer. Non-soil is defined as material that can not be cut with a rock auger and requires excavation by coring, air tools, hand removal or other acceptable methods. Top of non-soil elevation is that elevation where the rock auger penetration rate is less than 2 inches (50 mm) per 5 minutes of drilling at full crowd force and coring, air tools, etc. are used to advance the excavation. For pay purposes, after non-soil is encountered, earth seams, rock fragments and voids in the excavation less than 3 feet (0.9 m) in total length will be considered “Drilled Piers Not in Soil”. If the non-soil is discontinuous, payment will revert to “Drilled Piers in Soil” at the elevation where non-soil is no longer encountered.

3. Permanent Steel Casing

The quantity of “Permanent Steel Casing” to be paid for will be the linear feet (meters) of permanent steel casing as directed or required to be used. The length to be paid for will be measured along the permanent casing from the top of the casing elevation or top of the pier elevation, whichever is lower, to the permanent casing tip elevation. The Department will also pay for up to an additional 3 feet (1 m) of permanent casing cut off if the casing can not be installed to the permanent casing tip elevation shown on the plans. Permanent casing will be paid for only when permanent casing is authorized or when the Engineer directs the Contractor to leave a casing in place such that it becomes a permanent part of the pier. No payment will be made for temporary steel casings that become bound or fouled during pier construction and cannot be practically removed.

4. Shaft Inspection Device (SID)

The quantity of “SID Inspection” to be paid for will be per drilled pier as noted on the plans and/or directed by the Engineer. SID inspections are performed until the bottom cleanliness of the drilled pier excavation is acceptable by this special provision; however, payment will only be made for the initial SID inspection of each drilled pier excavation.

5. Standard Penetration Test (SPT)

The quantity of “SPT Testing” to be paid for will be the actual number of SPT tests performed as noted on the plans and/or directed by the Engineer.

B. Basis of Payment

1. Drilled Piers in Soil

Payment will be made at the contract unit price per linear foot (meter) for “____ Dia. Drilled Piers in Soil”. Such payment will include, but is not limited to, furnishing all labor, tools, equipment, materials including concrete complete and in place and all incidentals necessary to excavate the drilled piers and complete the work as described in this special provision. No additional payment will be made for slurry use. No additional payment will be made for any miscellaneous grading or excavation to install the drilled pier. “Reinforcing Steel” and “Spiral Column Reinforcing Steel” will be paid for separately and will not be part of the unit bid price for “Drilled Piers in Soil”.

2. Drilled Piers Not in Soil

Payment will be made at the contract unit price per linear foot (meter) for “____ Dia. Drilled Piers Not in Soil”. Such payment will include, but is not limited to, furnishing all labor, tools, equipment, materials including concrete complete and in place and all incidentals necessary to excavate the drilled piers and complete the work as described in this special provision. No additional payment will be made for slurry use. No additional payment will be made for any miscellaneous grading or excavation to install the drilled pier. “Reinforcing Steel” and “Spiral Column Reinforcing Steel” will be paid for separately and will not be part of the unit bid price for “Drilled Piers Not in Soil”.

3. Permanent Steel Casing

Payment will be made at the contract unit price per linear foot (meter) for “Permanent Steel Casing for ____ Dia. Drilled Pier”. Such payment will include, but is not limited to, furnishing all material, labor, tools, equipment and all incidentals necessary to install the casing in the pier excavation.

4. Shaft Inspection Device (SID)

Payment for SID will be at the contract unit price per each for “SID Inspection”. Such payment will include, but is not limited to, furnishing all materials, labor,

tools, equipment and all incidentals necessary to complete the SID inspection as described in this special provision.

5. Standard Penetration Test (SPT)

Payment for SPT will be at the contract unit price per each for “SPT Testing”. Such payment will include, but is not limited to, furnishing all materials, labor, tools, equipment and all incidentals necessary to complete the SPT at each test location.